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"OLA's" CONTACTS WITH STUPENKOV, A WOMAN NAMED CUNNINGHAM, SHAPLIN AND ESTRINA, APPARENTLY IN PURSUIT OF INFORMATION ABOUT THE CASE OF "GNAT [KOMAR]"

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[Part I] To PETROV.

Your no.195[i].

1. On our behalf under a plausible pretext "OLA"[ii] visited CARTHAGE [KARFAGEN][iii], [and][a] met a fascist acquaintance of whom you know, STUPENKOV[iv] (works at present guarding buildings of the "DOCK [DOK]"[v]), who, when he had drunk quite a bit, told her the following: He had to do with the desertion of GNAT [KOMAR][vi], whom he had met four times, had got him drunk, and had carried on "heart-to-heart talks". GNAT said he had acted from "ideological" considerations, "he was fed up with what he had seen over the span of 20 years." At the same time STUPENKOV acknowledged that a no less powerful motive was the desire of an easy, comfortable life and did not deny that this was just what had produced on GNAT an ~~impossible~~ impression. S.[vii] helped GNAT to make contact with the TOWNSMEN [GOROZHANE][viii]. [C% For] this he met him in a club for military personnel located in the same building as the "Associated Press", conducted G.[K.][ix] to the doors of that agency, which at once got into contact with SHAPLIN[x]. Thereafter SHAPLIN took the affair of G. into his own hands and G. went to TYRE [TIR][xi]. By what STUPENKOV said, SHAPLIN knows G.'s whereabouts and continues to maintain contact with the latter. G. has been declaring[b] that he does not doubt that "they will liquidate" him. He has been trying to inflate the importance of what he has to tell and thus enable himself to have a quiet and comfortable life in the PERIPHERY, [PERIFERIYA][xii] or the PROVINCES [PROVINTSII][xiii]. The letter in "The Times" was written by SHAPLIN. The affair simmered down because the LEAGUE [LIGA][xiv] did not [D% want]

[31 groups unrecoverable]

SKRYAGIN[xv]. The last meeting between them was six months ago, after which contact was, apparently, broken off. According to S.'s story, he used to meet SKRYAGIN once a fortnight. The latter was interested in the newspaper "ROSSIYA" and attempted through S. to influence RYBAKOV[xvi], apparently not imagining that S. had for a long time been employed on the paper.

[Part II] The break with SKRYAGIN STUPENKOV explains as due to the fact that during their acquaintance he [C% placed a][1 group garbled] article in "ROSSIYA", which very much surprised SKRYAGIN, and the latter put an end to the meetings. The meetings took place in SKRYAGIN's apartment. One day STUPENKOV met there twelve Soviet persons, among them GNAT.

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